(a) the central assistance/grant given to the Bihar Government to compensate the affected people and to undertake the flood relief work and the flood protection work with break-up of figures under each head;

(b) whether the utility of flood protection works done in the earlier years has been assessed; if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether any technical assistance has been given by the Central Government to Bihar State by way of planning flood control strategies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Rs. 86.53 crores. Break-up is given in the enclosed statement. (*See below*).

(b) The flood protection works executed so far have rendered reasonable degree of protection, by and large.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Ganga Flood Control Commission set up in the year 1972, has been extending technical assistance to the Government of Bihar by preparing comprehensive Master Plan for the main Ganga river and tributaries, and also by way of techno-economic appraisal of the flood control schemes formulated by the State Government.

**Statement**

*The Central Assistance to the Government of Bihar (the sub-headwise break-up)*

| SS. No. | Item | Amount (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|---|
| | **NON-PLAN** | |
| 1. | Relief-Evacuation of population ex-gratia grant for human lives lost, supply of food/food-grains, clothing and utensils | 10·56 |
| 2. | Rehabilitation—assistance to farmers for agricultural input, assistance for reconstruction of houses, assistance to artisans etc. | 15·26 |
| 3. | Repair and restoration of public properties | 52·18 |
| 4. | Health and assistance to farmers for purchase of livestock, veterinary | 5·11 |
| 5. | Repairing and restoration of damaged Veterinary buildings | 2·39 |
| | Total of Non-Plan | 85·50 |
| | **PLAN** | |
| 1. | Growth of fodder | 0·88 |
| 2. | Distribution of vegetable minikits | 0·15 |
| | Total of Plan : | 1·03 |
| | Grand Total (Non-Plan+Plan) | 86·53 |

**Complaints against Residents Welfare Association of Government Colonies**

1314. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Welfare Section of the Ministry has received various complaints from residents of various Government colonies alleging that their Residents Welafre Associations are committing irregularities; if so, the number of such complaints received during the year 1987 (till date);

(b) whether as per rules, Welfare Section cannot take any action against such Associations/Bodies which are not recognised by Government while these may be cheating Central Government Employees in Government Colonies and committing irregularities; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to amend these rules and make provisions to interfere in the activities of such Associations against which the complaints are received by them to give relief to the Government employees making complaints; and

(d) if so, by when such amendments will be made and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. Complaint was received against one Association. which is not recognised.

(b) Since the non-recognised Associations/Bodies are not covered under the existing rules and regulations, no action can be taken against such Associations/Bodies under these Rules.

(c) and (d) Rules and Regulations have recently been amended in Feb., 1987. There is no proposal to amend these rules in the near future. The Ministry takes appropriate action against such Welfare Associations which are recognised by it.

**Consortium by SAARC countries**

1315. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAARC countries are considering a consortium-like approach to derive mutual benefits and save foreign exchange in regard to their airlines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Airlines of SAARC member-countries are in the process of examining areas in which they can cooperate with one another in the optimal utilization of their resources to mutual benefit.

**Uniform Civil Code**

1316. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been or are being taken to have a referendum or otherwise to ascertain the consensus amongst the minority communities on the question of evolving a Uniform Civil Code, ensuring full freedom to the womenfolk to express themselves; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Crash of a Mirage-2000 Aircraft**

1317. SHRI SHARAD YADAV :

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an ultra modern French fighter Mirage-2000 crashed sometime in the month of September, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the loss suffered as a result thereof;

(c) what is the number of Indian Air Force plane crashes during the last two years and the estimated loss suffered as a consequence thereof; and

(d) what are the main causes for the Indian Air Force plane crashes according to the investigations, if any, and what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Mirage-2000 aircraft, on training flight, crashed on 15-9-87. The aircraft was destroyed but the pilot ejected safely.

(c) Information regarding the number of accidents and losses on that account is of classified nature and cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

(d) The major causes of air accidents have been identified to be human error, technical defects and bird strikes. A number of steps have been taken to reduce accidents due to these causes